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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 6 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Briefing by Ambassador Rolf Ekeus, Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Angola (S/1996/1000)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1341st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 75th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [41]*:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/512);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.20/Rev.1).

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [44]*:

   (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/48);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/228 and Add.1);

   (c) Draft resolution (A/51/L.31).

3. Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day: draft resolution (A/51/L.42) [162]*.

4. Advancement of women [103]: observance of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: discussion of the problem of trafficking in human persons, especially women and children.

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* Originally scheduled for 3 p.m. today.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H. E. Dr. Ernest Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the Untied Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (A/51/L.26, L.27, L.37, L.43)

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people (A/51/L.41)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45):

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [121] (E/1993/119 and Add.1, A/50/30 and Add.1, A/C.5/50/23, A/51/30, A/C.5/51/24 and A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1)

   Continuation of general discussion

2. United Nations pension system [122] (A/51/9 and Corr.1, A/51/644 and A/C.5/51/4)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. Human resources management [120]:

   Report of the Secretary-General on the ratio between career and fixed-term appointments (A/C.5/51/34)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [153]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.12

5. Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [154]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.11

6. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [155]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.13

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 123 (a) and (b), 125 and 114 (Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East: (a) United Nations Disengagement Force; and (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/51/405, A/51/535 and A/51/684); Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (A/51/658 and A/51/683); and Programme planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1 and 2))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/32 and Add.1, A/51/125, A/51/253, A/51/268 and Corr.1, A/51/337 and A/C.5/51/22 and Add.1))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997: first performance report

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 6 December 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Periodicity of items and modalities of work of the Second Committee)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (item 21 (a))

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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The United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation on Chernobyl, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under Secretary General, will convene a meeting of the ministerial level Quadripartite Committee for Coordination on Chernobyl, expanded to include representatives of interested Member States and members of the United Nations Task Force for Chernobyl, *today*, 6 December 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and all interested delegations on a draft resolution on Assistance in Mine Clearance under agenda item 34 *today*, 6 December 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, *today*, 6 December 1996 from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and *tomorrow*, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 9 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 2

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/234 and Add.1 and Add.2);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Italy (A/51/235).

10 a.m. 76th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Law of the sea [24]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/383, A/51/404 and A/51/645);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.21, A/51/L.28 and A/51/L.29).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings with non-governmental organizations on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan) on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Member States are also invited.

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The Open-ended Consultation Group of the Disarmament Commission will hold informal consultations on the question of substantive agenda items for the Commission's 1997 substantive session. The meeting will take place on Monday, 9 December 1996, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

The 1996 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmed Kamal, Permanent Representative of Pakistan, on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room S-2127A.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

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The Group of 77 of the Whole will hold meetings *(at the ambassadorial level)* on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment on 10, 11, 12 and 13 December 1996 in the morning and in the afternoon in Conference Room 1.

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Presentation

The Society for International Development and the Office of Development Studies of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have organized a presentation where H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ernst Sucharipa, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, will speak on the topic of "An Integrated Follow-Up to United Nations Conferences: A Human Rights Perspective." The lecture will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996, at 5.30 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 21st floor). All members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3721st meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Canada, Haiti and Venezuela, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution, contained in document S/1996/1002, which had been submitted by Argentina, Canada, Chile, France, the United States of America and Venezuela.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Haiti, Canada, Argentina and Venezuela.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/1002).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of France, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, China, Honduras, Germany, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, Botswana, Poland, Guinea-Bissau, Chile, Egypt and the United States, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Italy.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/1002) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1086 (1996).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

73rd plenary meeting

Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia), Ukraine, Colombia, Norway, Indonesia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Canada, Japan, the United States, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, Guatemala, Afghanistan, Argentina, Jamaica and Uruguay.

74th plenary meeting

Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34]

Statements were made by the representatives of Nicaragua, Pakistan, Angola, the Republic of Korea, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Peru.

The General Assembly was informed that it would consider the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 34 at a later date to be announced.

Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [21 (b)]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/303, A/51/356, A/51/560)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.22, L.24/Rev.1, L.25/Rev.1, L.30 and L.32/Rev.1)

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.25/Rev.1.

The representative of the Congo made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.30.

The representative of Djibouti made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.32/Rev.1.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/51/L.22, L.24/Rev.1, L.25/Rev.1, L.30 and L.32/Rev.1 (resolutions 51/30 A, B, C, D and E).

The Assembly was informed that it would consider other draft resolutions submitted or to be submitted under agenda item 21 at a later date to be announced.

Programme of work

The President made a statement on the status of work of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 72nd plenary meeting (see *Journal* No. 1996/236, p. 14): the text concerning the vote on draft resolution A/51/L.39 should read as follows:

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/51/L.39 (as orally revised) (recorded vote) (resolution 51/28)	84	2	71

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST — 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the following representatives or observers: Denmark, United States, Monaco, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates, Netherlands, Germany, Holy See, Japan, Thailand, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, Turkey, Canada, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom, China, Bahrain, Indonesia, Tunisia, Ireland, Greece, Belgium, France, Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Norway, Kuwait, Egypt, European Community, India and Palestine.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 1996

53rd and 54th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee concluded, in closed session, its consideration of the report of Portugal in respect to Macau (E/1990/6/Add.8) and the third periodic report of Belarus (E/1994/104/Add.6).

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item by adopting its report on the draft Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-third session.

Organization of work [2]

The Committee discussed various issues relating to its organization of work.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Netherlands (4 December 1996)*

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, concluded at Geneva on 17 February 1995

Acceptance: Netherlands (4 December 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day Observance

In observance of Human Rights Day, two panel discussions will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996 in Conference Room 4. Ms. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, National Correspondent for "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" (PBS), will moderate. The programme, organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights, will begin at 10 a.m. with the first panel on "Accounta-bility and Impunity in Civil Strife". The second panel on "The Right to Development: Is Poverty An Abuse of Human Rights?" will start at 3 p.m. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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